

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to telephonic interview of Jan. 11, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,4,7,8,10,12,13,16-20 and 22-28.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Jane Song on Jan. 11, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

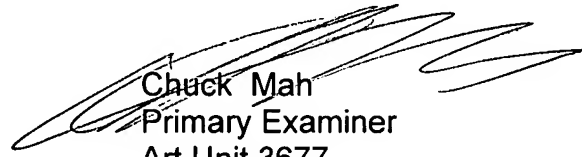
(see pages 4-8, claims 1-28 of this action.)

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chuck Mah whose telephone number is (571)272-7059. The examiner can normally be reached on 5/4-9.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Swann can be reached on (571)272-7075. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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1. (Currently Amended) A mounting block configured to receive a telescoping handle for a transport device, comprising:

a base; [[and]]

a first collar and a second collar separated by a gap secured to the base, where the first collar and the second collar each has an opening that is aligned for receiving the telescoping handle; and

a release and retaining mechanism configured to fit within the gap to secure the telescoping handle to the base while enabling the telescoping handle to adjust its position relative to the base without separating the telescoping handle from the base when the release and retaining mechanism is installed and to separate the telescoping handle from the base when the release and retaining mechanism is removed.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The mounting block of claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1, wherein the release and retaining mechanism comprises a retaining clip.

4. (Original) The mounting block of claim 3, wherein the retaining clip is installed or removed using one or more screws.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Original) The mounting block of claim 4, wherein at least one of the retaining clip and the screw is configured to stand out relative to the base.

8. (Original) The mounting block of claim 7, wherein at least one of the retaining clip and the screw is painted in a color that is contrast to a color of the base.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A telescoping handle assembly for a transport device, comprising:

a telescoping handle comprising an inner segment and an outer segment, the inner segment adapted to slide within the outer segment; and

a mounting block configured to receive the telescoping handle, the mounting block comprising a base, a first collar and a second collar separated by a gap and secured to the base, and a release and retaining mechanism, wherein the first collar and the second collar each has an aligned opening for receiving the inner segment and the release and retaining mechanism is configured to fit within the gap to secure the inner segment to the base while enabling the inner segment to adjust its position relative to the base without separating the inner segment from the base when the release and retaining mechanism is installed and to separate the inner segment from the base when the release and retaining mechanism is removed.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Original) The telescoping handle assembly of claim 10, wherein the release and retaining mechanism comprises a retaining clip.

13. (Currently Amended) The telescoping handle assembly of claim 12, wherein the retaining clip is installed or removed using one ~~[[ore]]~~ or more screws.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) The telescoping handle assembly of claim ~~[[12]]~~ 13, wherein at least one of the retaining clip and the screw is configured to stand out relative to the base.

17. (Original) The telescoping handle assembly of claim 16, wherein at least one of the retaining clip and the screw is painted in a color that is contrast to a color of the base.

18. (Currently Amended) The telescoping handle assembly of claim ~~[[11]]~~ 10, wherein the inner segment comprises a retaining sleeve surrounding the inner segment and having a groove, and the first collar, the second collar and the gap are sized and shaped to receive the retaining sleeve such that the groove and the gap are aligned when the retaining sleeve is received within the first collar and the second collar.

19. (Currently Amended) A method for replacing a telescoping handle for a transport device that is secured to a mounting block, comprising:

providing the telescope handle comprising an inner segment and an outer segment wherein the inner segment slides within the outer segment;

providing a mounting block which comprises a base and a first collar and a second collar separated by a gap and secured to the base, where the first collar and the second collar each has an aligned opening,

and wherein the inner segment is received within the aligned opening and secured to [[a]] the base of the mounting block by a release and retaining mechanism which is provided within the gap, while enabling the inner segment to adjust its position relative to the base without separating the inner segment from the base;

disengaging the release and retaining mechanism;

separating the inner segment from the base;

installing a new inner segment; and

engaging the release and retaining mechanism to secure the new inner segment to the base.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the release and retaining mechanism comprises a retaining clip secured using one or more screws and disengaging the release and retaining mechanism comprising removing the one or more screws to separate the retaining clip from the base and engaging the release and retaining mechanism comprises tightening the one or more screws to secure the retaining clip to the base.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Original) The method of claim ~~[[21]]~~ 19, wherein installing a new inner segment comprises providing an inner segment comprising a sleeve surrounding the inner segment and having a groove and inserting the sleeve within the first collar and the second collar such that the groove and the gap are aligned.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, further comprising locating the release and retaining mechanism ~~comprise locating the release and retaining mechanism~~ using an identifying color associated with the release and retaining mechanism.

24. (Currently Amended) The telescoping handle assembly of claim ~~[[11]]~~ 18, wherein the inner segment comprises an end cap provided at one end of the inner segment which slides within the outer segment and sized and shaped to prevent the retaining sleeve from sliding beyond the end cap when the release and retaining mechanism is installed.

25. (New) The mounting block of claim 1 wherein the first collar and the second collar are constructed as a unitary structure.

26. (New) The mounting block of claim 1 wherein the first collar, the second collar, and the base are constructed as a unitary structure.

27. (New) The telescoping handle assembly of claim 10 wherein the first collar and the second collar are constructed as a unitary structure.

28. (New) The telescoping handle assembly of claim 10 wherein the first collar, the second collar, and the base are constructed as a unitary structure.